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THE FOLLOWING INFO SHOULD BE ADDED TO PARA 3,
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A. LTG BIN SHAKER JUST RETURNED FROM HIS TALKS WITH SAUDIS, INCLUDING KING KHALED, AND ASKED THAT I PASS ON ADVICE TO DOD THAT MORE CAUTION BE EXERCISED IN PRICING POLICIES WITH REGARD TO SAUDI ARABIA. APPARENTLY PRINCE SULTAN IS GETTING MOST SUSPICIOUS OVER SAUDI PAYING MORE THAN OTHER COUNTRIES FOR US WEAPONRY AND EQUIPMENT. HE STATED THAT HE COULD UNDERSTAND JORDAN HAVING SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS BECAUSE THEY HAD NO MONEY AND WERE A FAVORITE OF THE AMERICANS, BUT NOT OTHERS.

B. THEFORE LTG BIN SHAKER ASKED THAT WE BE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT NO OTHER COUNTRY OBTAIN A PRICE ON HAWKS LOWER THAN PRICE TO JORDAN. IF SAUDIS HAVE ANY REASON TO SUSPECT THAT THEY ARE BEING TAKEN, THEY WILL CANCEL ENTIRE DEAL AND JORDAN WILL BE THE ONE TO SUFFER BECAUSE THERE ARE NOT OTHER FINANCING ALTERNATIVES.

C. LTG BIN SHAKER REQUESTED THAT ABOVE INFO BE HELD

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CLOSELY BECAUSE ONLY PRINCE SULTAN, CGS, MG MAJALI

AND BRIG ABOUD WERE IN THE ROOM DURING THE ABOVE
CONVERSATION.
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